

ABSTRACT

A fastener drive system includes a fastener having a plurality of external drive surfaces. The system also includes a fastener driver having a plurality of drive blades. Each of the drive blades has a generally wedge-shaped cross section and a contact edge. The contact edge of each drive blade is adapted to engage one of the external drive surfaces during driving of the fastener by the fastener driver. In an embodiment, the fastener driver is provided as a cylindrical socket adapted for connection to a ratchet driver. The number of drive blades can correspond to the number of external drive surfaces, typically four or six. Alternatively, equally spaced blades can be provided corresponding to half the number of drive surfaces.